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SELF DEPENDENCE IN TECHNICAL EFFICIENCY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is far behind in respect of self-dependence in technical efficiency in the field of defence equipments in comparison to the developed countries ;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy to set up joint ventures in collaboration with developed countries in this sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the country is likely to be self-dependent in defence sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Self-dependence, as immunity against technology/product denials by other countries, has been achieved in most of the critical areas in defence over the last two decades. With changing technologies in future, efforts to maintain the self- dependence will continue.

(b) Though, perceivably, the country may be lagging in technologies in comparison with developed countries by about five years, adequate capability exists to be self dependent to meet the country's security needs.

(c) & (d):Government has made provisions to establish joint ventures in critical areas on need basis.